

responsibility when the duty was his; who helped ensure the safety of our men and women soldiers in the tumult of combat; who rose to the highest rank of a dedicated public servant from the neighborhoods of New Haven, and who never lost sight of his origins and their values; the son of an immigrant insistent on defining America in its highest ideals.

HONORING JUDGE PAUL V.
GADOLA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Judge Paul V. Gadola. The Greater Flint Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union bestowed the 2009 Thomas A. Baltus Civil Libertarian of the Year Award upon Judge Gadola at a dinner held last Thursday, May 28, in my hometown of Flint Michigan.

Paul Gadola graduated from Michigan State University in 1951 and received his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1953. After serving in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955, he returned to his home in Flint and started a private practice. President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment in October 1988, and on January 6, 1989 he took office. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 2008.

Judge Gadola is certified as a Diplomat in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, a Lifetime Fellow of the American Trial Lawyers Foundation, served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, a mediator for the Circuit Courts of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties, and is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. Judge Gadola is a member of the Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association—Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, the Board of Directors of the Historical Society for the U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan, the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies and the Advisory Committee of its Michigan Chapter. He is a member of the Philadelphia Society, the Economic Club of Detroit, Committee of Sponsors of the Flint College and Cultural Development Fund, the Hannah Society, and he has served as the President of the Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers. As an alumnus of Michigan State University he has served the school's President's Club, the Board of Directors of the MSU Development Fund, and as a member of Directors of the school's Alumni Association. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Mott Community College Foundation.

Over the years he has served the Urban League of Flint as President, the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation of Genesee County as President, the March of Dimes of Genesee County as Chairman, Genesee County Legal Aid Society as Vice-President, he has been a Director of the Flint Environmental Action Team and the Flint Area Convention and

Tourist Council. Preceding his time on the bench, Judge Gadola was elected to the Board of Trustees of Mott Community College from 1969 to 1989. He served as Chair from 1983 to 1989.

Madam Speaker, Judge Paul Gadola was a founding member of the Flint Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union when the organization formed in 1963. The American Civil Liberties Union gave this award to him because of his hard work on behalf of the right to free association, the right to equal protection of the laws, the right to free speech, and the right to effective assistance of counsel. I have known Judge Gadola for many years and have benefited from his legal counsel and sage advice. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him as he is honored for his work on behalf of our civil liberties.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2009 FAIRFAX EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION HUMAN AND CIVIL
RIGHTS COMMITTEE WALT MIKA
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the awardees of the Fairfax Education Association (FEA) Human and Civil Rights Committee Walt Mika Awards. The mission of the FEA Human and Civil Rights Committee includes advocacy and review responsibility to ensure that the policies, practices and programs of the Fairfax County Public Schools are inclusive and represent all ethnic, minority, gender and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLTB) groups. The Committee recommends strategies to address GLTB, racial, ethnic and gender issues to ensure a quality educational experience for all students. In addition, the Committee promotes diversity awareness to recognize and celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich Fairfax County.

These awards are named after Walt Mika. Mr. Mika dedicated more than 30 years to the education of our youth as a teacher and also as former FEA and Virginia Education Association President. With the establishment of the FEA Retirement Housing Corporation and the development of the Educational Employees Supplemental Retirement System for Fairfax County, Mr. Mika has made significant improvements in the lives of thousands of retired teachers and Fairfax County Public School employees.

The recipients of the Walt Mika Award are recognized for their outstanding commitment to the education of children in Fairfax County. In addition to serving as notable educators, these individuals serve as role models for their students through their many and varied activities outside the classroom.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the following recipients for their positive influence in the lives of students and their roles in promoting diversity:

Deb Crierie, Retired Art Teacher
Robbie Ellen, Instructional Assistant
Ilryong Moon, School Board Member
Janice Winters, PhD, Community Activist.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the contributions these individuals and all of the educators serving the children of Fairfax County. They provide enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and life-changing experiences to the children they mentor.

TRIBUTE TO GARY HOLMES
FAGAN

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Gary Holmes Fagan upon his completion of 34 years of service to Albemarle County Public Schools. For 32 of these years, he served as the Band Director at J.T. Henley Middle School, imparting to thousands of young students the lasting gift of a musical education. As one of the many students privileged to have studied with Mr. Fagan, it is an honor to acknowledge his contribution to the community.

Gary Fagan was born and raised in Frederick, Maryland, the son of a teacher and a musician. He earned his undergraduate degree in Music Education at Bridgewater College and his master's degree in Music Education from James Madison University. He has taught music since 1973, moved to Albemarle County to teach in 1975, where he lives today with his wife, Phyllis. A fellow lover of music, Phyllis will also retire this year from her position as Choral Director for Henley Middle School. He is active in the Music Educators National Conference and the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association, the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, and the National Band Association, as well as playing percussionist with the Charlottesville Municipal Band and composing over 30 original pieces of music.

During his time at Henley Middle School, Mr. Fagan was the recipient of numerous accolades and honors from the community and beyond, including the Piedmont Council of the Arts Outstanding Educator Award, the Central Virginia Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year by the UVA chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, the WINA Teacher of the Month, National Band Association "Band Booster Award," membership in the James Madison University Music Education Advisory Council and the Phi Beta Mu International School Bandmasters Fraternity, and a Presidential Citation from the Governor's School of Virginia for the Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Richmond. Under his tutelage, the Concert Band has consistently attained superior ratings at the District Band festival, the Jazz Band has brought home 1st place at the Tri-State Jazz Festival for 3 out of the past 5 years, and the Marching Band has received scores of prestigious awards, including trophies from the Dogwood Parade, the Harrisonburg Poultry Parade and the Culpeper Firemen's Parade.

Throughout his career, Mr. Fagan has consistently brought out the best in each student, whether the student began middle school having played music for years or never having read a note of music. His students have widely varying backgrounds, abilities, and unique